

Airman (AN) Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT)

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This enlistment program option enables men and women to eventually qualify for one of several Navy ratings (skill specialties) through on-the-job Airman Professional Career Track (PACT) training.

The program also offers apprenticeship training in a rating that may not be available at the time of enlistment.

After completion of recruit training, enlistees in the PACT program will attend a three-week Airman Common Core course on basic theory in Aviation operations and evolutions.

After successful completion of this training, Airman are usually assigned to aviation duties where the Navy needs them the most.

Airmen can request, and may receive on-the-job training in a rating that they are interested in, qualified for, and is available at their first command, by completing rate training manual courses and personal qualification standards requirements. They must also be recommended by their commanding officer for the Navy rating they desire.

Airman may also attend Navy schools to learn about general damage control, fire fighting, preventive maintenance of special equipment, and the use of special tools used in the rating they are working in or seeking.

What They Do

The duties performed by Airman include:

- repairing, maintaining and stowing aircraft and associated equipment in preparation for flight operations.
- working with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience.
- performing ground and deck duties involved in the take-off and landing of aircraft;
- standing security watches on flight lines or decks;
- doing temporary duty for 90-120 days with food services divisions;
- serving as members of crash crews and security alert teams;

Qualifications and Interests

Airman must be able to get along well with others and to speak clearly. Other qualities include resourcefulness, a good memory, curiosity, physical strength, and manual dexterity, the ability to work as a team member and to perform repetitive tasks.

Advancement

Enlistees enter the Navy as E-1s (Airman Recruits). Advancement to E-2 (Airman Apprentice) may be achieved after nine months of successful naval service, with advancement to E-3 (Airman) after an additional nine months.

Career Path After Recruit Training

After completion of recruit training, enlistees in the Airman Professional Career Track (PACT) training program attend a three-week course on basic theory in aviation fundamental skills. After successful completion of this training, airman apprentices are usually assigned to squadrons or other aviation commands where the Navy needs them the most.

Navy Ratings In The Airman Professional Apprenticeship Career Track Program

Aircrewman

AWF - Aircrewman Mechanical*
AWO - Aircrewman Operators*
AWR - Aircrew Tactical Helicopters*
AWS - Aircrewman Helicopter*
AWV - Aircrewman Avionics*

Electronics

AT - Aviation Electronics Technician *

Electrical

AE - Aviation Electrician's Mate *

Mechanical

AD - Aviation Machinist's Mate
AME - Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety Equipment)*
AMH - Aviation Structural Mechanic (Hydraulics)
AM - Aviation Structural Mechanic (Structures)
AS - Aviation Support Equipment Technician

Miscellaneous

ABE - Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment)
ABF - Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels)
ABH - Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling)
AC - Air Traffic Controller*
AG - Aerographer's Mate*
AO - Aviation Ordnanceman
AZ - Aviation Maintenance Administrationman
PR - Aircrew Survival Equipmentman*
*** Class "A" technical school required.**

College Credits for this Rating

To see the college credits available via a Joint Service Transcript for this rating

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https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/apact_jst.pdf

Additional Information

For more information on opportunities available for this rating, please visit Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)

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<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/pact.htm>

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